

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on March 26, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 7 and 8, and cancelled claims 6 and 9. Claims 1 and 8 are the independent claims. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 6 and 9 as being allowable, and the subject matter of claims 6 and 9 would be allowed if written to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response thereto, all features recited in dependent claim 6 have been added to its base claim, independent claim 1. Since amended independent claim 1 includes all of limitation of the claims 1 and 6, it is submitted that claim 1, as well as claims 2-5 and 7 dependent therefrom, should be allowed. Similarly, all features recited in dependent claim 9 have been added to its base claim, independent claim 8. Therefore, claim 8 also should be allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are further amended editorially for clearer expression and for no purposes related to compliance with the requirements of 35 USC.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-5, 7 and 8, earnestly is solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

No fee is deemed due. Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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